



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

SUMMER LEARNING DAY

- WHEREAS: Summer learning loss may significantly contribute to achievement gaps, which often remain constant during the months of the school year but widen during the summer; and
- WHEREAS: High-quality summer learning programs provide children with challenging and engaging educational experiences to help them improve social, emotional, physical, and academic skills during the summer months; and
- WHEREAS: Summer youth employment programs offer older students meaningful opportunities to explore careers of interest, take on new responsibilities, serve their local communities, and invest in their futures; and
- WHEREAS: Additionally, summer programs help to support parents in the workforce by ensuring their children are safe and productive during the summer; and
- WHEREAS: According to the Afterschool Alliance, although 42 percent of Georgia families would like for their child to participate in a summer program, only 25 percent of Georgia families have at least one child enrolled in a summer program; and
- WHEREAS: Public and private partners, community-based organizations, schools, recreation centers, camps, and businesses, as well as the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning and the Georgia Public Library Service, provide parents, guardians, and caregivers with the tools to encourage learning both at home and in more formal settings; and
- WHEREAS: On July 12, 2018, citizens and organizations across our state and nation will recognize Summer Learning Day to further raise awareness of the importance of quality summer programs to the health, well-being, and academic foundations of Georgia's children; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim July 12, 2018, as SUMMER LEARNING DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 4th day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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